

# **EXHIBIT**

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THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA

Civil Action No. 1:14-CV-00954-LCB-JLW

STUDENTS FOR FAIR ADMISSIONS,  
INC.,

Plaintiff,

v.

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA,  
et al.,

Defendants,

and

LUIS ACOSTA; ANDREW BRENNAN,  
CHRISTOPHER JACKSON on behalf of  
C.J.; RAMONIA JONES on behalf of R.J.;  
JULIA NIEVES on behalf of I.N.; ANGIE &  
KEVIN MILLS on behalf of Q.M.; LAURA  
ORNELAS; CECILIA POLANCO;  
TAMIKA WILLIAMS on behalf of A.J.;  
and STAR WINGATEBEY

Defendant-Intervenors.

**DECLARATION OF  
ADRIAN C. DOUGLASS, M.D.**

Adrian C. Douglass, M.D., pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, declares the following:

1. My name is Adrian C. Douglass, M.D. I am over 18 years of age, and I am fully competent to make this declaration.
2. I was a full-time undergraduate student at UNC-Chapel Hill during the period of 1979-1983. While at UNC, my major was Chemistry.
3. I am African-American.

4. My reasons for attending UNC-Chapel Hill were numerous, but its affordability and history of academic excellence were paramount to my decision. It was, and remains, a value to students because of its fair cost and the high quality of its education. Furthermore, it was a reasonable drive from my coastal home town of Elizabeth City. During my senior year of high school, I spent a weekend in Chapel Hill with an African-American freshman. After experiencing a taste of college life at UNC-Chapel Hill firsthand, I was enamored with the diverse student body of the South Campus and its strong atmosphere of comradery. It helped me develop a sense of belonging, and I was certain that I could achieve both social and academic success at Chapel Hill.

5. My years spent as an undergraduate at UNC were among the most delightful of my life, as they cultivated me to grow both as a young man and as a scholar. Although I had the opportunity to receive a world-class education, there was only a marginal presence of African-Americans on the North Campus where I resided. Incidentally, my demographic was underrepresented in my dormitory and classes. I combated my feelings of isolation by frequenting the South Campus area to visit my African-American friends and take part in cultural activities.

6. I also benefited from the academic support provided by the Minority Advisory Program, a service extended by successful minority upperclassmen to incoming minority freshmen.

7. Finally, I chose to join Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., a historically Black fraternity that served as a supportive organization during my tenure as an undergraduate. I successfully graduated in May of 1983 with a B.A. in Chemistry and was accepted into Chapel Hill's school of medicine. I eventually graduated with a Doctorate of Medicine.

8. I contend that my success at Chapel Hill directly correlated with the presence of the diverse academic environment.

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I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed  
this 31<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2017.

Adam C. Daugherty, MD

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